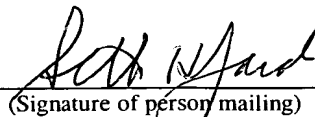


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AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the Office Action of July 2, 2002. A petition for extension of time of one month is intended to be enclosed with this paper. In the event that one is not, applicants hereby make such petition and authorize the office to charge deposit account 16-1445 the required amount.

Kindly amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-2 and 5-14.

Replace claim 3 with the following claim: